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Family Planning

* 203 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Union Government have recommended to the State Government to legalise abortions as a measure of family planning?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Sir, are the Government aware that recently one foreign expert has suggested the adoption of abortion as one of the measures to control population in India?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : So many experts may say so many things. But we should adopt what is reasonable and what is conducive to health.

Malattaru vaikal

* 204 *Q.*—Sri S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have reached any decision on the proposal to remodel the Malattaru Vaikal in Lalugudi taluk, Tiruchirappalli district:

(*b*) the year from which the proposal is pending;

(*c*) whether estimate has been prepared; and

(*d*) when the remodelling will be carried out?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) 1954.

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

(*d*) Plans and estimates for the scheme are awaited from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). On receipt of the proposals the matter will be considered and the remodelling of the channel will be taken up after the plans and estimate for the scheme are approved.

Scheduled Castes

* 205 *Q.*—Sri P. G. MANICKAM : கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

ஷெட்யூல் வகுப்பினர்களின் ஜாபிதாவில் எந்தெந்த இதா வகுப்பினர்களைச் சேர்ப்பதற்காக சென்னை அரசாங்கத்தாரால் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டுவருகிறது ?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : At present there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to include any community newly in the list of Scheduled Castes.

Road Transport

* 206 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government have received any communication from the Centre in 1959 regarding levy of single-point system of taxation on Road Transport; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same?

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have asked for the considered views of this Government on the question of single point taxation.

(*b*) According to the present conditions a transport vehicle (bus, lorry or taxi) plying on a route extending over two or three States has to pay tax in respect of that vehicle independently to each State according to the rates fixed in each State. Under the single point system if tax has been paid in respect of such a transport vehicle in one State for a certain period it need not pay tax for the same period in the other States.

This system will mean loss of revenue to this State as the vehicles plying into this State from the neighbouring States like Andhra, Mysore and Kerala would not pay tax to this State as hitherto. The question is being examined.

This system of payment of tax to each State through which a vehicle plies is not applicable to private Motor cars.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Have the Central Government recommended to this Government the reduction of the Motor Vehicles Tax in our State?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Houses for fishermen

* 207 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI M. P. SARATHI : கனம் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா —

(அ) சென்னையில் வீடில்லா மீனவர்களை குடியேற்றுவதற்காக ராஜ்ய மீன் இலாகா ஆலோசனை போர்டு செய்த சிபாரிசு பரிசீலிக்கப்பட்டதா ?

(ஆ) அதன்பேரில் அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துள்ளனர் ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The State Fisheries Advisory Board recommended the settlement of fishermen rendered homeless in Madras City, in selected spots on the uninhabited stretch of land lying vacant on the east of the Buckingham Canal from Adyar to Mahabalipuram in Chingleput district. In accordance with the above recommendation, the Director of Fisheries was asked to submit a detailed report on this point. The Director has since reported that it is not possible to implement the suggestion of the Board as the fisher-folk of the City are not willing to be settled there. The Government have, therefore, dropped further consideration of the recommendation.

Community listening sets

* 208 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) கோயம்புத்தூரிலிருக்கும் திரு. ஜி. டி. நாயுடு அவர்களால் தயாரிக்கப்படும் ரேடியோக்களை சமுதாய அபிவிருத்தி நிலையங்களுக்கு வாங்குவதுபற்றி அரசாங்கத்தாரால் பரிசீலனை நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறதா ?